

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on April 19, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 39, 4/12/2017; HJ 40, 4/12/2017

**HEARING ON HJ 39**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 39, Interim study on healthcare and health insurance costs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:03 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:04:19 Kendall Cotton, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

00:05:00 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:12 Rep. Trebas

00:06:38 Rep. Olsen

00:06:58 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.

00:07:12 Kendall Cotton, CSI

00:07:36 Rep. Trebas

00:07:50 Kendall Cotton, CSI

00:08:34 Rep. Fitzgerald

00:09:13 Rep. Olsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:29 Rep. Olsen

**HEARING ON HJ 40**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:58 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 40, Interim study of passenger transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:08 Rep. Loge

00:16:51 Rep. Olsen

00:19:54 Rep. Vinton

00:19:59 Rep. Gunderson joined the meeting.

00:20:27 Rep. Olsen

00:21:11 Chair Noland

00:21:20 Rep. Olsen

00:21:56 Chair Noland

00:22:00 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:22:03 Rep. Vinton  
00:22:37 Rep. Curdy  
00:22:59 Chair Noland left the meeting and Rep. Ricci assumed the chair.  
00:23:24 Rep. Olsen  
00:24:16 Chair Ricci  
00:24:44 Rep. Olsen  
00:28:17 Rep. Curdy  
00:29:16 Rep. Olsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:50 Rep. Olsen  
  
00:30:48 Chair Ricci

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:30:48

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh80aad.pdf](#))